

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A caster for use on a theatre prop which comprises:

a first wheel; and

a device to lock the wheel;

wherein said device to lock the wheel is adapted to lock the wheel in position

when said device is pressurized with a fluid and wherein said device to lock the wheel comprises:

a pneumatic cylinder;

a spring loaded pin; and

a brake disk wherein:

said pneumatic cylinder, said spring loaded pin and said brake disk are configured such that said brake disk is pressed onto said wheel thereby locking said wheel when said pneumatic cylinder is pressurized by said fluid.

2. (original) The caster of claim 1 which further comprises a swivel bearing

wherein the swivel bearing is configured to allow the wheel to swivel about a swivel axis.

3. (currently amended) The caster of claim 1 wherein said pneumatic cylinder is

adapted to function properly when said fluid comprises a gas.~~2 wherein said device to lock the wheel comprises:~~

~~a pneumatic cylinder;~~

~~a spring loaded pin; and~~

~~a brake disk wherein:~~

~~said pneumatic cylinder, said spring loaded pin and said brake disk
are configured such that said brake disk is pressed onto said wheel
thereby locking said wheel when said pneumatic cylinder is
pressurized by said fluid.~~

4. (currently amended) The caster of claim 3_1 wherein said fluid is air.
5. (currently amended) The caster of claim 3_1 wherein the caster further comprises a mounting block wherein said mounting block is adapted to house said pneumatic cylinder.
6. (currently amended) The caster of claim 5 wherein said mounting block is adapted to mount onto a stage prop and the height of said caster is in the range of 2 inches to 20 inches.
7. (currently amended) The caster of claim 5 wherein said mounting block is adapted to mount onto a stage prop and the height of said mounting block is in the range of 0.5 to 5 inches.
8. (currently amended) The caster of claim 5 wherein the mounting block comprises a vertical mounting bolt hole and where the diameter of the mounting bolt hole is about 5/16 of an inch.
9. (currently amended) The caster of claim 2 which further comprises a second wheel wherein said first wheel and said second wheel are about the same

size and shape and wherein said first wheel and said second wheel are mounted next to each other such that said braking device can lock said wheels without producing undue motion of said wheels.

10. (original) The caster of claim 9 wherein the device to lock the wheel comprises a brake disk and wherein said brake disk is adapted to press against said first wheel and said second wheel when said device is pressurized by said fluid.

11. (currently amended) A caster which comprises:

three dual wheel swivel casters each comprising two wheels;

a caster plate assembly;

a pneumatic cylinder; and

a device to lock said wheels wherein:

each dual wheel swivel caster is mounted on the caster plate assembly such that said dual wheel swivel casters do not have undue motion when said device to lock said wheels locks said wheels;

the caster plate assembly is swivel mounted on the cylinder; and

the device to lock said wheels is adapted to lock said wheels.

12. (original) The caster of claim 11 where the caster plate assembly comprises:

an upper plate;

a lower plate; and

at least one stand off pin;

and where the device to lock the wheels comprises:

a pneumatic cylinder;

a press plate;

three brake disks;

three spring loaded pins; and

three extension pins;

wherein:

the upper plate is attached to the lower plate with the at least one stand off pin such that there is a gap between the upper plate and the lower plate;

the press plate is mounted in said gap;

each one of the brake disks, each one of the spring loaded pins and each one of the extension pins are mounted in each one of the dual wheel swivel casters such that the brake disks will be pushed against the wheels when the press plate is pushed down;

and wherein the pneumatic cylinder is adapted to push the press plate down when the pneumatic cylinder is pressurized thus locking the wheels.

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A movable object which comprises:

a body; and a pneumatic locking swivel caster ~~wherein:~~ which comprises:

a first wheel; and

a device to lock the wheel;
wherein said device to lock the wheel is adapted to lock the wheel in position
when said device is pressurized with a fluid and wherein said device to lock the
wheel comprises:

a pneumatic cylinder;

a spring loaded pin; and

a brake disk wherein:

said pneumatic cylinder, said spring loaded pin and said brake disk
are configured such that said brake disk is pressed onto said wheel
thereby locking said wheel when said pneumatic cylinder is
pressurized by said fluid.

~~the pneumatic locking swivel caster is mounted on the body such~~
~~that the object is free to move when the pneumatic locking swivel~~
~~caster is unlocked; and~~
~~wherein the object is locked into position when the pneumatic~~
~~locking swivel caster is locked.~~

15. (currently amended) The movable object of claim 14 wherein the body is a
prop body for a theatrical production such that said prop body has the
appearance of a given functionality but does not have said given functionality.

16. (currently amended) The movable object of claim 14 where the pneumatic locking swivel caster is either a dual wheel embodiment or a triple swivel caster embodiment and wherein said device to lock the wheel is adapted to lock said wheel without producing undue motion in said wheel.

17. (currently amended) The movable object of claim 16 where the prop is a piano prop body, sofa prop body, or bed prop body, ~~or the like~~.

18. (original) The movable object of claim 14 where the body is a scenery element for a theatrical production.

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (cancelled)

22. (cancelled)

23. (cancelled)

24. (cancelled)

25. (cancelled)

26. (new) A caster which comprises:

three dual wheel swivel casters each comprising two wheels;

a caster plate assembly;

a pneumatic cylinder; and

a device to lock said wheels wherein:

each dual wheel swivel caster is mounted on the caster plate assembly;

the caster plate assembly is swivel mounted on the cylinder;

the device to lock said wheels is adapted to lock said wheels; and

the caster plate assembly comprises:

an upper plate;

a lower plate; and

at least one stand off pin;

and where the device to lock the wheels comprises:

a pneumatic cylinder;

a press plate;

three brake disks;

three spring loaded pins; and

three extension pins;

wherein:

the upper plate is attached to the lower plate with the at least one stand off pin such that there is a gap between the upper plate and the lower plate;

the press plate is mounted in said gap;

each one of the brake disks, each one of the spring loaded pins and each one of the extension pins are mounted in each one of the dual wheel

swivel casters such that the brake disks will be pushed against the wheels
when the press plate is pushed down;
and wherein the pneumatic cylinder is adapted to push the press plate
down when the pneumatic cylinder is pressurized thus locking the wheels.